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TROUBLES DIDN'T COME SINGLY

Sch. Gertrude DeCosta Was Ashore, Floated for \$600, Repaired and Libelled.

That troubles never come alone, was made apparent in the case of crack knockabout Boston schooner Gertrude DeCosta, which went ashore off Ingonish, C. B., last week. After being pulled off her dangerous position by the steamer Seal, for which the latter netted her owner, Capt. Farquar, of Halifax, the tidy sum of \$600, the crew had a thrilling experience at the pumps to keep the vessel afloat.

Then the customs officer at Ingonish refused to grant the crippled vessel a clearance for North Sydney, because it was Sunday. However, by dint of continuous working at the pumps the Gertrude DeCosta made her way here and was hauled up on the marine railway, where she had a new false keel put on and underwent extensive repairs. But before the craft was slid into the water she was libelled by Capt. Fraser, of the little tug Nelson, who claimed \$400 for trying in vain to release the schooner before the Seal came to the rescue.

The whole thing meant no little worry for Captain Thomas S. Corda, who kept the wires busy between Boston and North Sydney. Bonds were quickly furnished, however, and the \$18,000 fishing schooner proceeded on her way to renew operations on the grounds.—North Sydney Herald.

LUNENBURGERS WILL GO EARLY

The present satisfactory condition of the dried fish market gives promise that the Lunenburg bank fisheries will be prosecuted with the usual vigor next year says the Halifax Maritime Merchant. While it is true that only a few of the fleet did very well this season the cause was not a poor condition of the markets and with today's high prices and the expectations that next year will bring an earlier fishery and a more plentiful supply of both bait and fish, no doubt there will be as strong interest in the industry as there has been for some years.

It is to be expected that the market will be affected by war conditions. If all the French sailors are fighting there will be less fish from that quarter, so our chance in the Italian market will be still better than this year, and besides we may have an opportunity to make sales in France as well. However, it may be that the French fisheries will go on and we suppose it is as well to admit too that there may be some embarrassments that cannot now be foreseen.

On the whole, however, the outlook is satisfactory and we ought to be justified in looking forward to active preparations for next season at

Lunenburg during the winter and spring months. The present prospect is very pleasing indeed to the hardware and outfitting houses that have a connection with Lunenburg county.

Herring for the West India market are in short supply chiefly owing to the large purchases made by the United States. The benefit of a free entry to the United States market has been very marked this year. Quotations of No. 1 herring ex-vessel at Halifax are now \$3.75, as compared with \$3.50 a few weeks ago. No. 2 herring which were \$3 are now \$3.25. Spring mackerel also are firmer and are quoted ex-vessel at \$7.50. Alewives are bringing \$4.

Herring Receipts Here.

Receipts of Newfoundland herring at this port this season total 22,432 barrels being divided into 20,579 of salt bulk herring and 1853 of pickled herring. The herring was landed by nine vessels of this port, five British schooners and one British steamer.

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The Week At Pensacola.

Eight crafts arrived during the week ending for the two fish companies, with a total of 162,770 pounds of fish, of which 113,520 pounds was red snappers and 49,250 pounds groupers. Over 28% of the entire catch was made by the schooner Yakima, which sailed from Gloucester six weeks ago, headed for Pensacola. Like the Cooney, which went to Pensacola two years ago, the Yakima broke all previous records. The Yakima is commanded by Captain Frank Cooney.

Receipts for the week were:

Hope, 21,095 snappers; 8350 groupers.
Flora J. Sears, 21,010 snappers; 2200 groupers.
Yakima, 26,430 snappers; 20,000 groupers.
Nautilus, 2085 snappers; 970 groupers.
Angelina, 3740 snappers; 1325 groupers.
Fish Hawk, 18,725 snappers; 10,170 groupers.
Alcina, 13,290 snappers; 3535 groupers.
Albert Geiger, 6145 snappers; 2700 groupers.

MAKING GOOD MONEY QUICKLY

One of the quickest trips and best stocks in a short period is that of sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Capt. Val O'Neill. The craft left for the grounds last Friday and was back at the new fish pier, Boston, Sunday. She took out her fare yesterday, realizing \$1150, from which each of the crew shared \$29 clear. This is Capt. O'Neill's first trip since taking command for the season. Sch. Waltham, Capt. Hutchings, stocked \$1200 on her recent fresh haddocking trip, the crew sharing \$43 to a man clear. The Waltham was absent a week.

BLOWING GALE OUTSIDE TODAY

Gill Net Fleet Again Held in Port—Two Crafts from Boston.

Two crafts from Boston are here this morning. Sch. Laverna brought down her salt fare of 30,000 pounds, while sch. Flora L. Oliver had 25,000 pounds of fresh fish.

The gill netters were unable to lift yesterday, and the few crafts that ventured out this morning were forced back by the blustery weather.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Laverna, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. salt fish.
Sch. Flora L. Oliver, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Adeline, shore.
Sch. Harriett, shore.
Sch. Jeanette, via Boston.
Sch. Ralph Brown, via Boston.
Sch. Russell, via Boston.
Sch. Mary P. Goulart, via Boston.
Sch. Mary F. Sears, via Boston.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, via Boston.
Sch. Edith Silveira, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Juno, haddocking.
Sch. Smuggler, haddocking.
Sch. Mystery, haddocking.
British str. Baleine, Louisburg, C. B.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.
Georges halibut codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.25.
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4; snappers, \$3.
Cusk, large, \$3; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.
Flitch'd halibut, 10c per lb.
Hake, \$1.80.
Haddock, \$1.75.
Pollock, \$1.75.
Newfoundland herring, \$3.75 per bbl. for salt bulk.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:
Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.
Western cod, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2.10; snappers, 75c.
Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.95; snappers, 75c.
Drift cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2.
Al codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.
Hake, \$1.40.
Cusk, large, \$1.80; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50c.
Pollock, round, 80c; dressed, 90c.
Fresh halibut, 13c for white and 10c for gray.

Fresh mackerel, 30c each for large, 20c for medium.

More Herring Coming.

Sch. Joseph sailed from Wood's Island, N. F., last Tuesday with 1497 barrels of herring for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

PORTLAND VIEW OF T WHARF PL

Under the caption "They Miss wharf", the Portland Express &vertiser of Friday says editorially:

"It must be as hard to teach a German to like the new South Boston fish pier as it is to teach an old new tricks. While the new pier supposed to be the finest fish wharf the country, equipped with every modern invention for the safe, sanitary handling of fish, it is evident that many of the fishermen are contented and yesterday a meeting was held, the object of which was re-leasing of the old Boston wharf and its utilization by the fishermen for unloading their fares. The fishermen claim that the South Boston pier is too unprotected in rough weather and that as soon as the fishermen charge most of them go to the wharf anyway to tie up.

"But how about the great breakwater the contract for which already been let and which is to be built expressly for the purpose of fending off the seas that make it agreeable for vessels to lie at the easterly side of the pier? It has been claimed that this would entirely obviate the difficulties arising from ground swell. Perhaps the transition from the crude methods and the safety of fishy old T wharf, to the convenience and cleanliness of the South Boston Pier, was too great for the Boston fishermen to stand. Possibly a few piles of dogfish were left to rot around for a month or so in the old wharf on the new pier the old fishermen would feel more at home."

Salt Mackerel Market.

Says the Fishing Gazette:

The domestic mackerel market remains at a standstill. The supply are in readiness for the prospective demand about two months hence. It is, however, no perceptible demand this commodity at the present time. "The market for mackerel is quiet," said a leading New York representative of the Fishing Gazette last Wednesday.

Only a hand to mouth business be reported in mackerel, but prices Norway mackerel have advanced during the last week. Our agent in Ireland reports the total shipments the week as 1125 bbls, thus bringing total shipments to date of the Irish autumn mackerel to \$444 bbls.

Why Salt Cod Is Up.

There is a reason, of course, for rise in the price of codfish in Newfoundland despite the fact that there has been a pronounced drop in the commodity elsewhere, says the Fishing Gazette. The Atlantic Ocean is so to transportation; Mediterranean South American ports want codfish are glad to pay well for it. The son's catch is below the average, amounts to 850,000 quintals and is a quarter of a million less than normal. The jump in price therefore inevitable.

BEAM TRAWLERS GOT THE CREAM

Three Are In Today With
Good Fares on "Klon-
dike" Market.

Three beam trawlers furnished this morning's fresh fish supply at the Union fish pier this morning, in addition to five fares left over from yesterday.

Yesterday afternoon, sch. Reading, capt. John Hickey, arrived and took its trip this morning.

With the cold spell, prices were well up, wholesalers paying \$6 to \$6.50 a hundred for haddock, \$7 for large and \$8 to \$4 for market cod, \$3.50 to \$6 for hake, and \$3 to \$4 for pollock.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Reading, 6000 haddock, 6000 cod, 12,000 hake, 1200 pollock.

Sch. Surf, 55,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Crest, 24,000 haddock, 600 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Foam, 51,000 haddock, 800 cod, 1000 pollock.

Haddock, \$6 to \$6.50 per cwt.; large

cod, \$7; market cod, \$3 to \$4; hake,

\$5 to \$6; pollock, \$3 to \$4.

BRINGING OUT FROZEN STOCK

There was a very light supply of fish in the Fulton market last night, frozen stock being brought out in large quantities to meet the demand. A shortage of green fish was due to a storm that swept the Atlantic coast from Sunday morning until Tuesday night.

Only five of the regular market boats arrived, of which four came to make up the force of the storm. The catch of the five boats was 5100

fish was scarce and sold at good prices. Small was quoted at 12 to 14c; hake, 14 to 18c, and large, 18 to

20c. On Thursday the price of market cod was 8c a pound, whereas on Wednesday last it was almost given up, the price being 1 1/2 to 2c.

Wednesday's quotation was 4 to 5c, while on Thursday and Friday 7 to 8c was given.

Steak cod sold at 4 to 5c on Wednesday, while on Wednesday and Thursday the price was 10 to 14c. During the remainder of the week prices ranged from 6 to 12c.

Haddock was quoted at 4 to 8c, hake 10c, and pollock 2 to 8c. The high prices prevailed during the week with exception of Saturday last.

Eastern white halibut sold at 12 to 14c. There were no Eastern white or fish in the market.

BANNER CATCH OF RED SNAPPERS

E. Z. Jones, fish commissioner of Florida, is quite elated at the remarkably big catch of fish recently made by the Pensacola smack Nettie Franklin, of E. E. Saunders & Co., says the Fishing Gazette. The vessel took 56,000 pounds of red snapper and groupers, which is said to be the largest quantity ever landed at Pensacola by one fishing vessel. The previous high record was held by the Mary E. Cooney, 53,000 pounds, taken two years ago. Capt. "Gus" Hansen, of the Nettie Franklin, received \$240, his share, while each member of the crew received \$160.

TWO CRAFTS ARE SOLD TO CUBA

Sch. Mattie Winship and sch. Carrie C., which have been hauled up at Bradley's wharf for a long time, have been sold to Cuban parties and are on the railways this morning, being overhauled for their voyage south.

PROTEST COLD STORAGE BILL

Representative Thacher yesterday presented to the Interstate and Foreign Commerce committee a number of protests against that provision of the McKellar Cold Storage bill which limits the period of storage for fish to two months. He also asked that a day or so be named for hearing persons from Massachusetts, and the committee specified Wednesday and Thursday of this week for such hearings.

Among those for whom Mr. Thacher filed written protests were the Consolidated Weir Company, Freeman & Cobb and the Quincy Market Cold Storage Company, all of Boston, and the Cape Cod Cold Storage Company, Fishermen's Cold Storage Company and Providence Cold Storage Company, all of whom asked that the time be extended to 10 months or a year. It is understood that McKellar does not approve such an amendment.

It is contended that such a limitation as two months would make it impossible to supply the public with such summer fish as blue fish and mackerel, which under present conditions are preserved several months on ice. The fish people also object to the prohibition in the bill which would prevent them from putting fish once removed from storage back into storage.

MAPPING CRUISE OF ANDROSCOGGIN

Capt. Carl Young Assigned Task By Revenue Cutter Service Head—Hos- pital Ship Work to Start Right Away.

Capt. Carl C. Young of this city was in Washington yesterday, representing the Gloucester Board of Trade and other Massachusetts fishing interests, to confer with Capt. Ellsworth P. Bertholf, commander of the Revenue Cutter Service, in regard to the itinerary of the revenue cutter Androscoggin, which is to be detailed as a hospital ship among the Atlantic fishermen.

This is in accordance with the amendment to the Revenue Cutter bill offered last summer by Congressman Gardner, in effect that one of the revenue cutters should be assigned to inaugurate this new branch of the government service.

Capt. Young visited the Treasury Department and was informed by Capt. Bertholf that he and Capt. Charles A. McAlister, engineer in chief of the service, have made arrangements for equipping the Androscoggin for hospital service for trips which may occupy 22 days each.

As a result of the conference of these two officials with Capt. Young it was decided to have the first trip among the haddock fleet from Boston, Gloucester and Provincetown, which at this season is engaged in fishing off the Nova Scotia coast. Subsequently the Androscoggin will be assigned to this branch of the fishing industry and it is in this line of work that the sponsors of the service feel the most satisfactory results will be obtained.

Capt. Young, assisted by A. B. Alexander of the Bureau of Fisheries, who has spent seven winters with the American fishing fleet at the Bay of Islands, Newfoundland, will be in accordance with instructions from Capt. Bertholf prepare plans for the course to be followed by the Androscoggin on the different cruises. It is estimated by officials of the department that the cutter will be at the service of 4000 men engaged in the haddock and halibut fisheries this winter and of a still larger number who will be engaged in cod fishing in the spring. The first cruise will start in about a week.

FISH ORDER SUSPECTED.

Protests at Interference With Cable of Kuehn Herring Concern.

Orders for herring, pickled herring, from the Otto L. Kuehn Company, Milwaukee are being held up by the British Government because the German names for the delicatessen looked like secret service code to the Britons.

Congressman William H. Stafford, yesterday filed a formal complaint with the State Department at Washington requesting that English interference with American messages be stopped.

It was alleged that more than half the messages sent by the Kuehn Company have been held up by the British censors on suspicion of being German code. The orders were to Holland fish merchants, over cable, and of course, had to relay through the British offices.

Mr. Kuehn is now in the East, but it was admitted at his offices that the company had been having trouble in getting its cable orders through the British censors.

One View of It.

Said a recognized authority last Wednesday:

"As usual at this time of the year, there is a limited demand for salt fish, but in view of the comparatively small supply of most varieties and the uncertainty as to prospects for future supplies from Europe because of the war, the general tone of the market is firm, though, because of the slack demand, prices are more in favor of buyers than they were a week ago."—Fishing Gazette.